

Application No. 10/714,060
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-7 have been cancelled thereby obviating all objections and grounds for rejection stated in the Office Action with respect to claims 1-7.

The only rejection of claim 8 stated in the Office Action was a statutory double patenting rejection over the claims of United States Patent No. 5,830,224. By the foregoing amendment, claim 8 has been amended to eliminate unnecessary limitations and to broaden its scope. As amended, claim 8 differs substantially from all claims of United States Patent No. 5,830,224. Thus, the stated double patenting rejection of claim 8 has been overcome.

Also, by the foregoing amendment, new dependent claims 9-20 have been added. Each of these dependent claims further limits or adds to the novel and unobvious subject matter of independent claim 8.

Also by the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to reflect the claim of priority as recited in the transmittal paper that accompanied filing of this application and as acknowledged on the official filing receipt for this application.

No new matter has been added. Support for the claim amendments is found throughout the specification, including the paragraphs set forth on pages 38-43.

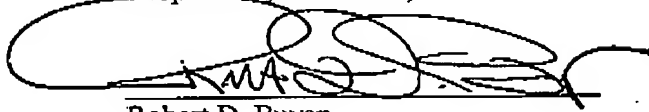
Conclusion

All claims 8-20 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. No fee is seen to be due in connection with the filing of this amendment. However, if any fee is properly deemed to be due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fee from Deposit Account No. 50-0878. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any

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way expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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